

Around the World in Fashion



**Aboard
The
Lurline**

Done up in travel holiday fashions, these two members of Las Vecinas are "at the wheel" on the luxury liner Lurline which they visited to set the mood for their fashion extravaganza on March 20. They are from left, Mrs. Robert Martin and Mrs. Mel Heflinger.

International Ballroom of the International Hotel in the center of the travel metropolis will be the scene of the gala Fashion-Luncheon to be presented by the Las Vecinas Club on March 20, according to Mrs. Stephen S. Brixey, chairman.

During the 11:30 cocktail party, the exciting grand prize will be on display — a descriptive folder including airline tickets, for a weekend for two at the Las Vegas Hacienda along with an ensemble of elegant luggage. Mrs. Robert P. Pinkney, prize chairman, announces that this prize will be awarded as a grand finale.

Following the luncheon, guests will be welcomed aboard by Mrs. M. Wallace Peterson, Las Vecinas president. Fashions will be launched in a fan fare of costumes from "Around the World" worn by Torrance American Field Service students.

In addition to viewing the fashions provided by a Del Amo shop and coordinated by Johanna Marble, guests will be recipients of champagne and bucket centerpieces, created by Mrs. James Stogdon and her committee.

Replicas of passport covers, encasing the programs, will be on each table. Each guest will receive appropo favors collected by Mrs. John Schmidt. Many door prizes, including several trips to San Francisco, will be awarded.

Proceeds from this event will be used for four student scholarships (renewable for a total of four years); USO, American Field Service; Welfare; Del Amo Gardens Convalescent Hospital, and Girls State.

Tickets are available from any Las Vecinas member. They may also be secured by writing Las Vecinas Club, P.O. Box 1109, Torrance.



**Ready For
Evening
Festivities**

Ready for an evening aboard ship, Mrs. M. Wallace Peterson, Las Vecinas president, and Mrs. Jack Reed, second vice president, enjoy a tete-a-tete with a ship's officer during their afternoon aboard the Lurline. Travel fashions will highlight the club's annual benefit on March 20.

March 16 Official AFS Day

International Buffet Slated

American Field Service Day, March 16, proclaimed by Mayor Albert Isen, will be celebrated with an International Buffet, sponsored by the Torrance American Field Service Chapter.

The public is invited to attend the event which takes place at the Torrance Recreation Center from 1 to 6 p.m.

Foods from around the world will be featured in 10 main dishes and there will be favorite salads and desserts. Girl Scouts from five local troops will do the serving.

As guests enjoy the international foods, local talent groups will be on hand to fur-

nish entertainment. Appearing will be the South Bay International Folk Dancers with their Opanki Dancers, Dan Slater, instructor, and Jack Elliott, president; the South High Madrigal Chorus, under the direction of R. E. Anderson; the Southlanders, a Dixieland band of South and West High students, also directed by Mr. Anderson.

Also on the program will be performances by the "Gualajara Brass" featuring students of South High and Carson High with John Cameron as leader and the "West Coast Aristocracy," a music group of 29 West High students directed by A. T. Fenn.

Residents will also have a chance to meet and chat with the foreign students attending local high schools, Nora from Uruguay, Clara from Colombia; Rikki from Italy; Toos from The Netherlands; and Amata from Thailand. Americans Abroad returnees from the Philippines, Malaysia and Turkey will be on hand to share their experiences.

All proceeds will go to the chapter's fund to bring other foreign students to Torrance to attend school, creating international understanding.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or from any member of the American Field Service chapter.

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Alpha Gamma Slates

Annual Punch-Brunch For Philanthropies

"Flower Fantasy" will set the theme for the South Bay Alpha Gamma Delta Alumnae Club's 12th annual Punch Brunch Fashion Show on Saturday, March 22 at Lococo's in Manhattan Beach. Members and guests will meet around the punch bowl for a social hour at 11 a.m. with brunch served at 12 p.m.

As the club's major fund raising event, proceeds will go to the sorority's national philanthropy, the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, and the Cleft Palate Project at Syracuse University to maintain a research library. Also a scholarship will be awarded to a handicapped graduate from one of the South Bay high schools.

The chairman, Mrs. Charles Meng of Palos Verdes Peninsula, has announced that the theme of the affair will be carried out with the tables decorated in various shades of pink highlighted by blooming azaleas. Modeling will be done by the John Robert Powers School from the South Bay Center. A holiday for two in Las Vegas at the Hacienda Hotel will be the grand prize.

Assisting Mrs. Meng are committee chairmen Mmes. Richard Wonder and Jacqueline Hauerwaas, fashions; Peter Hanly, door prizes; Daniel McDonald, reservations; William Zinsley, publicity; Richard Dewald, tickets and program; James Rayer, decorations; Donald May, acknowledgements; Richard Kincaid, hostesses; and Catherine Stock, prizes.

Miss Torrance Is Now Mrs. F. Gwen Cooper

Miss Darcy Jo Barcroft, Miss Torrance of 1968, became the bride of F. Gwen Cooper in a high noon ceremony at the St. Catherine Labourer Catholic Church on Feb. 1 with the Rev. Timothy Doyle officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Joseph H. Barcroft of Torrance and the late Mr. Joseph H. Barcroft. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cooper of Hawthorne.

The wedding gown of white slipper satin was fashioned with a basque bodice and full skirt enhanced with lace appliques centered by clusters of pearls. Her long cathedral train was attached by a bow at the back waistline. A headpiece of crushed net held her long illusion veil and she carried a bouquet of white roses tied with lavender ribbon.

Attired in lavender taffeta

gowns and wearing hats of lavender maribou, bridal attendants were Mrs. Barry Barcroft, matron of honor; Misses Judy Millar, Janis Larson, Marlene Olson, Beverly Teller and Mrs. Will Gorrie, bridesmaids.

Gary Cooper performed the duties of best man and ushers were Sal Mommerito, Jim Coleman, Tim Holdstock, Scott Steele and Steve Bartram.

The 200 guests were entertained at a seated luncheon at the Pen and Quill Restaurant. After a Las Vegas honeymoon, the couple is now at home in Mar Vista.

The bride, a Leusinger High graduate, attended El Camino. She plans to attend UCLA next fall.

Her husband was also graduated from Leuzinger. He is a junior at UCLA where he is on the Bruins football team.



**From
Faraway
Places**

Clara from Colombia and Nora from Uruguay don their native costumes to invite the public to the International Buffet to be staged by the American Field Service Chapter on AFS Day, March 16. The benefit, to be held at the Torrance Recreation Center, will raise funds to bring more foreign students to Torrance next year.

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**Floral
Setting
For Party**

Blooming azaleas will emphasize the theme "Flower Fantasy" when Alpha Gamma Delta Alumnae present their annual Punch-Brunch at Lococo's on March 22. Alums preparing for the party are, from left, Mrs. Otto Willett, tying a bow on an azalea, as Mmes. Thomas W. Miles and Clayton B. Elm, wrap door prizes.

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